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Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on November 1, 2012. The inventory was five percent below November 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.18 million, 13 percent below 2011. Net placements were 2.10 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 680,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 435,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.84 million, three percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during October, 20 percent below 2011.

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month - United States

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs (1,000 head)	600-699 lbs (1,000 head)	700-799 lbs (1,000 head)	800+ lbs (1,000 head)	Total (1,000 head)
October.....	2011	840	590	487	575	2,492
September.....	2012	515	355	444	690	2,004
October.....	2012	680	505	435	560	2,180

Cattle and Calves on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month- State and United States:

State	Number on feed October		Placed during October		Marketed during October		Other disappearance during October		Number on feed November 1	
	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)
Arizona.....	280	272	32	19	19	25	1	1	292	265
California.....	490	475	54	62	49	54	5	3	490	480
Colorado	1,070	1,000	230	195	155	160	5	5	1,140	1,030
Idaho.....	220	230	55	55	48	44	2	1	225	240
Iowa	550	590	137	146	115	143	2	3	570	590
Kansas.....	2,320	2,230	440	380	340	365	20	25	2,400	2,220
Nebraska.....	2,210	2,330	665	590	390	425	15	15	2,470	2,480
Oklahoma.....	370	335	86	65	63	54	3	1	390	345
South Dakota	205	195	75	71	39	45	1	1	240	220
Texas	2,940	2,680	560	450	465	440	35	20	3,000	2,670
Washington ...	208	213	59	74	40	38	1	1	226	248
Other States ¹	419	439	99	73	64	44	8	2	446	466
United States.	11,282	10,989	2,492	2,180	1,787	1,837	98	78	11,889	11,254

¹ Other States include: Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming.

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during October 2012 was 206 million eggs, four percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 211 million eggs compared to 204 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.90 billion during October 2012, up two percent from last year. Production included 6.88 billion table eggs, and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 952 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2012 averaged 340 million, up one percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,321 eggs, up slightly from October 2011.

All layers in the United States on November 1, 2012 totaled 342 million, up two percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 49.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2012, averaged 75.4 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from November 1, 2011.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The October hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.77 million, was one percent above last year. Eggs in incubators on November 1, 2012, were 3.79 million, five percent below a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2012 totaled 727 million, up two percent from October 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 569 million on November 1, 2012, down one percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2012, down one percent from October 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2012 totaled 39.1 million, up four percent from October 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.0 million on November 1, 2012, down seven percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 196 thousand during October 2012, down 26 percent from October 2011.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 161 million pounds of milk during October 2012, one million pounds less the previous October. Production per cow in October of 1,310 pounds was three percent below October of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in October totaled 123,000, three percent above October of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down slightly from October 2011. September revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented an increase of 19 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,791 pounds for October, 1 pound above October 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 10,000 head less than October 2011, and 8,000 head less than September 2012.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: October 2012

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama	9,025	181	2,006
Arkansas	12,212	261	2,137
California	19,501	461	2,364
Colorado	4,173	102	2,444
Connecticut	2,234	54	2,417
Florida	9,044	211	2,333
Georgia	17,000	369	2,171
Illinois	4,158	100	2,405
Indiana	25,014	569	2,275
Iowa	52,498	1,264	2,408
Maine	3,578	84	2,348
Maryland	2,440	57	2,336
Michigan	12,113	295	2,435
Minnesota	9,962	242	2,429
Mississippi	5,399	115	2,130
Missouri	7,782	178	2,287
Nebraska	9,174	229	2,496
New York	4,604	111	2,411
North Carolina	12,401	256	2,064
Ohio	27,920	655	2,346
Oregon	2,285	61	2,670
Pennsylvania	24,435	599	2,451
South Carolina	4,207	92	2,187
South Dakota	2,336	60	2,568
Texas	18,848	439	2,329
Utah	3,567	84	2,355
Virginia	2,788	58	2,080
Washington	6,902	163	2,362
Wisconsin	5,021	114	2,270
Other States ¹	19,852	439	2,211
United States	340,473	7,903	2,321

¹ Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Hatchery production - United States

Item	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg-Type			
Eggs in incubators: November 1	37,652	34,975	93
Chicks hatched during October	37,624	39,077	104
Chicks hatched January through October	402,246	394,608	98
Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	266	196	74
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	2,915	3,061	105
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators November 1	574,874	568,524	99
Chicks hatched during October	715,886	726,908	102
Chicks hatched January through October	7,595,425	7,468,873	98
Pullets hatched during October for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks	6,289	6,218	99
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	63,251	60,402	95

¹ 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched April 2011 through March 2012.

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2011 through March 2012.

U.S. broiler-type chicks hatched in September were 727 million, up two percent and egg-type chicks hatched were up four percent from a year ago. October egg production at 7.90 billion was up two percent from a year ago.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March	9,168	9,254	5,286	5,513	48,459	51,017
April-June	9,191	9,257	5,489	5,562	50,448	51,484
July-September	9,200	9,215	5,292	5,285	48,684	48,705
October-December	9,216		5,279		48,654	
Annual Total	9,194		21,345		196,245	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Florida dairy farms produced 161 million pounds of milk during October 2012. This was 1 million pounds less than a year earlier.

Milk Cows and Production - Florida, Selected States and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
October 2011	120	1,350	162
September 2012	123	1,250	154
October 2012	123	1,310	161
23 Selected States			
October 2011	8,475	1,790	15,170
September 2012	8,473	1,729	14,651
October 2012	8,465	1,791	15,165
United States			
October 2011	9,212	1,767	16,278
September 2012	9,196	1,706	15,689
October 2012	9,187	1,769	16,255

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Livestock Slaughter

Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for October 2012 was 11.7 million pounds, seven percent above last month, and seven percent above last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.58 billion pounds in October, up seven percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2011.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was six percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.95 million head, up three percent from October 2011. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,318 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, two percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, up slightly from October 2011.

Pork production totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up nine percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.86 million head, up ten percent from October 2011. The average liveweight was down one pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.2 million pounds, was up 21 percent from October 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,100 head, 18 percent above last year. The average liveweight was 137 pounds.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to date 2012
Florida					
Calf:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	(D)	0.1	(D)	(D)	0.8
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	(D)	29	(D)	(D)	115
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	10.2	4.9	6.2	81.9	56.1
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,078	672	882	7,646	6,089
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.8	2.1
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	7	13	9	109	142
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.9	10.1	11.7	98.2	96.7
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,856.9	2,543.3	2,953.2	28,548.4	27,623.1
Total liveweight million pounds	3,671	3,328	3,884	36,252	35,788
Average liveweight pounds	1,289	1,311	1,318	1,274	1,298
Beef production million pounds	2,215.1	2,016.0	2,343.7	21,920.0	21,685.2
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	72.7	64.36	72.9	706.5	636.3
Total liveweight million pounds	18	15	18	181	167
Average liveweight pounds	253	235	242	265	262
Veal production million pounds	10.6	8.8	10.3	107.9	98.2
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,903.8	9,454.3	10,855.7	90,875.8	93,581.6
Total liveweight million pounds	2,726	2,559	2,968	24,865	25,687
Average liveweight pounds	275	271	274	274	275
Pork production million pounds	2,033.2	1,911.0	2,210.4	18,605.9	19,217.8
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	175.0	174.3	207.1	1,797.0	1,811.4
Total liveweight million pounds	23	25	28	190	207
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	11.7	12.5	14.2	123.6	130.9
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,270.6	3,948.4	4,578.6	40,757.5	41,132.1

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.